FAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Yes Sir. The Distt. Collector is required to implement works recommended by the MP by following the established procedures prevelent in the respective state.

(b) In particular cases the matter is referred to the state Govt. concerned for taking action against erring officials.

(c) The Hon'ble MP has given a notice of breach of privilege under Rule 187 of the Rules & Procedure to Rajya Sabha Sectt. against the Distt. Collector of Bilaspur (MP). The comments received from the Distt. Collector Bilaspur have already been forwarded to Rajya Sabha Sectt. on 26.02.1998.

Recasting of Draft Outline of Ninth Five Year Plan

246. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the draft outline of the Ninth Five Year Plan is proposed to be recast;

(b) whether the issue of economic self-reliance will be taken into account while restructuring planning in the country; and

(c) whether the respective roles of the public and private sectors in national economic planning will also be spelt afresh in the final version of the Ninth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) to (c) The Approach Paper to the Ninth Five Year Plan was approved unanimously by the National Development Council (NDC) in its meeting held on 16th January, 1997. The draft Ninth Five Year Plan, (1997—2002), approved at internal meetings of the Planning Commission was released on March 1, 1998 by the then Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission. This Plan is yet to be considered by the National Development Council. The Government has decided to review this Draft so as to suitably reflect the altered priorities, as enunciated in the Natiopnal Agenda for Governance which inter alia includes aspects relating to self-reliance and roles of public and private sectors in national economic planning.

Unemployment Situation in the Country

247. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO:
DR. MOHAN BABU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any appraisal regarding unemployment situation in the country at the end of the Eighth Plan, both in the organised and unorganised sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of jobs created against the targets in these sectors;

(d) the backlog at the end of the Eighth Plan, if any;

(e) the reasons for failure to achieve the targets during the plan period;

(f) the number of unemployed likely to be added during the Ninth Plan period; and

(g) the strategy formulated by Government for providing employment to the maximum number of job seekers during the Ninth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) and (b) The quinquennial surveys on employment and unemployment, conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO), provide comprehensive data on employment and unemployment situation in the country. The latest such survey was conducted in 1993-94 (50th round). According to the information available from the latest NSSO survey, unemployment in the country as per Usual Principal Status (UPS), is estimated to be 9.0 million as on 1st January, 1994. This includes unemployment in the entire workforce pertaining to both organised and unorganised sectors.

(c) Separate targets for employment in organised and unorganised sectors are not fixed. The Eighth Five Year Plan envisaged 8 to 9 million average addition in employment opportunities per annum. During 1987-88 to 1993-94, the addition to employment as per UPS was 43.91 million. This implies an average addition of 7.3 million employment opportunities per annum.

(d) As on 1st January, 1994 the unemployment is estimated to be 9.0 million.

(e) Achievement of rate of growth of employment is crucially dependent on the overall growth in the economy and sectoral and sub sectoral pattern of growth. The rate of growth of employment observed during 1987-88 to 1993-94 covers only the initial two years of the Eights Plan. During this period, sectors like Manufacturing, Mining & Quarrying; Construction and Community, Social & Personal Services registered a lower growth than the respective targets in the 8th Plan.

(f) The estimates for the Ninth Plan are not available.

(g) The approach to the Ninth Plan envisages priority to productive employment which will be generated in the growth process itself by concentrating on sectors, sub-sectors and technologies which are labour intensive, in regions characterised by higher rates of unemployment and under-employment.

Money Stuck in Central Sector Projects

248. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the total amount of money stuck in incomplete 233 Central Sector projects in the country at current price level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): As on March 1998, out of 454 projects costing Rs. 20 crores and above on the monitor of the Department of Programme Implementation, 234 projects were due for completion by March 1998 as per the original schedule but remained incomplete. The latest estimated cost of these 234 projects is Rs. 94042.5 crore.

Separate Central Pool for North-Eastern Region

249. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a decision has been taken to create a separate non-lapsable budgetary Central pool for the North East for funding developmental projects in the region;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the extent to which the proposed funding is likely to improve the existing pattern to speed up developmental activities?